



PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : Mark L. SODERSTROM et al.  
For : DIRECTIONAL SOLIDIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS  
Serial No. : 10/630 224 Group: 1725  
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Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION, AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

A Response is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one month. The extension fee is:

[X] \$ 110.00.00 (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))  
[] \$ (37 CFR 1.17; small entity status previously established).

A check for \$1050.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

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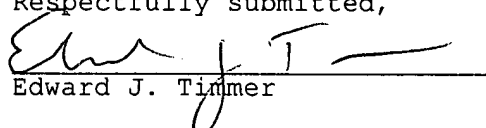
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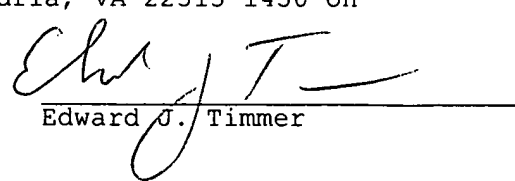
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Response dated October 27, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

  
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